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In re Application of Edith H. STERN et al. Application No. 09/497,774

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RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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ATTENTION: Patent Examiner LAFORGIA, Tel. (703) 305-7704

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



The foregoing is submitted as full and complete response to the Official Action mailed February 5, 2003, and it is submitted that Claims 1-47 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of Claims 1-47 is earnestly solicited.

The present application, after entry of this amendment, comprises forty seven (47) claims, including seven (7) independent claims. Applicants have previously paid for forty seven (47) claims, including seven (7) independent claims. Applicants, therefore, believe that an additional fee for claims is currently not due.

However, a petition for a two month extension of time to file this Response has been attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the two month extension fee in the amount of \$410, or if this fee amount is insufficient, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee amount to prevent this application from becoming abandoned, to Deposit Account 50-1556.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (561) 989-9811 is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1556.

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In view of the preceding discussion, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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